A Message from the President of the Resident Staff Organization

The American University of Beirut continues to be the most prestigious and respectable academic institution in the region. It offered throughout the years a state-of-the-art training for doctors in different specialties most of whom are excelling in their fields.

As housestaff, we all aim for a residency program that follows the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements, and that offers us a standardized training encompassing the clinical practice and the theoretical teaching.

The respectable reputation of the medical school and the residency program at AUB was the result of many years of hard work that has been made by every member of the staff.

In line with this spirit, we the housestaff are working together with the Accreditation Core Group as well as other groups of the Medical Board Committees for the April 16th 2007 Survey by the JCIA consultants hoping for a favorable feedback.

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Update on New and Revised AUBMC Policies & Procedures

The following new and revised policies will be added to your AUBMC Policies and Procedures Manuals. Please make sure you read them. Soft copies of these policies and procedures are available on: http://his.aub.edu.lb/accrm/policies/

- Completion of Birth Certificates — GLD-MRD-001
- Completion of Death Certificates — GLD-MRD-002
- Critical Test Results — COP-MUL-018
- Performance Improvement Plan — QPS-MUL-002 (Revised 2nd Edition)
- Medical Reports — GLD-ADM-002 (Revised 2nd Edition)
- Care of High Risk Patients — COP-MUL-017

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Employees and staff are encouraged to submit Performance Improvement Articles that may be chosen as feature articles in subsequent issues

WINNERS OF THE 9TH ACCREDITATION & PI Staff Awareness Questionnaire

Winners names were chosen by draw in the Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Out-Patient Collection Area on the 1st Floor in the Medical Center. Congratulations to all the winners and to Rana Abdel Malak who has won the $100 gift certificate for the 2nd time. Continuing Education, Staff Awareness, Performance Improvement, Consistency and perseverance pay off!!!

- Rana Abdel Malak, Project Manager, Nursing Services
- Kamal Abu Diab, Orderly, PVC Surgery
- Rami Kamzoul, Database Assistant, CCCL
- Manal Azzi, Psychomotor Therapist, CCCL
- Claude Chediac, RN, 9 North, Nursing Services
The American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC) is seeking to obtain accreditation by the Joint Commission International Accreditation (JCIA) and has taken active steps to meet the JCIA standards and the International Patient safety Goals 2007.

An active Facility Management and Safety (FMS) Committee is formed to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Ensure compliance with pertinent governmental rules and regulations and AUB policies
2. Oversee AUBMC compliance with accreditation requirements (JCIA and MOPH)
3. Monitor and promote the implementation activities for the established safety policies and plans through drills and safety rounds
4. Oversee safety training to all AUBMC staff
5. Review planned and current alteration projects to physical facilities

Prepare and review required safety policies and plans:

- Safety – buildings, grounds, equipment, and systems
- Security
- Hazardous material
- Emergency preparedness
- Fire safety
- Medical equipment
- Utility systems – electricity, water, medical gases, and communications

In addition to the FMS Committee, many entities collaborate to ensure patient safety through monitoring and analysis of patient-related incident reports as spelled out in the AUBMC Risk Management Plan (QPS-MUL-001).

Fire safety is given a special attention by the Occupational Safety Office. All AUBMC staff are trained on fire safety and drills are conducted at different intervals.

Proper use of medications is also considered as a crucial patient safety measure. Medical Center staff are encouraged to implement the Adverse Drug Events (ADE) policy and to report all ADEs to the Medical Center Pharmacy for analysis and monitoring.

The AUBMC Risk Management Office conducts special training activities and prepares posters and pamphlets aimed at raising the staff’s awareness to patient safety issues such as proper identification prior to the use of blood and blood products and patient verification prior to surgical operations and invasive procedures.

**Accreditation & Risk Management Office**